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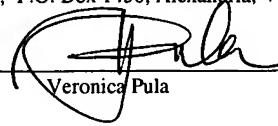
# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor:	STARR et al.	Examiner:	Rutao Wu
Application No.:	10/045,503	Art Unit:	3628
Filed:	November 7, 2001	Docket No.	ARIBP051
Title:	METHOD FOR SELECTING AN OPTIMAL BALANCE BETWEEN DIRECT COST AND A NUMBER OF SUPPLIERS		

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## TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT D

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Amendment D in response to Office Action mailed November 21, 2007 in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS	After Amd.	HP*	Extra	Small Entity		Large Entity	
				Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total	22	23	-0-	x \$25 = \$		OR x \$50 = \$	
Independent	3	4	-0-	x \$105 = \$		OR x \$210 = \$	
Multiple Dependent Claims				x \$185 = \$		OR x \$370 = \$	
*HP = Highest previously paid				TOTAL FEE \$		OR TOTAL FEE \$	-0-

Applicant(s) hereby petition for following extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for Response within FIRST month	x \$60 = \$		OR x \$120 = \$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for Response within SECOND month	x \$230 = \$		OR x \$460 = \$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for Response within THIRD month	x \$525 = \$		OR x \$1050 = \$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for Response within FOURTH month	x \$820 = \$		OR x \$1640 = \$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for Response within FIFTH month	x \$1115 = \$		OR x \$2230 = \$	



Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0685. ( ARIBP051 ).

Enclosed is our Check No. \_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.

Enclosed is Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form, PTOL-413A.

Enclosed are \_\_\_\_\_ sheets replacement drawings.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0685 ( ARIBP051 ) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.

If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required during the pendency of the subject application, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0685 ( ARIBP051 ).

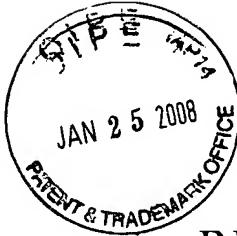
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2007. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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